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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were higher than normal. Overall, mountain snowpack is 87 percent of the average. Warm temperatures and windy conditions continued last week allowing farmers 5.2 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	18	78	3
Last Week	1	10	83	6
Last Year	8	28	60	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	14	83	2
Last Week	1	10	86	3
Last Year	13	33	51	3

Small Grains: Five percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week, equal to the previous week but 1 percent higher than the 5-year average. The crop was 12 percent jointed, off the pace of the 5-year average by 4 percentage points, but was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring barley was 18 percent seeded by the end of the week, behind the 5-year average by 13 percentage points. Spring wheat was 13 percent seeded at week's end, falling behind the 5-year average of 22 percent. Both barley and spring wheat were reported 7 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Farmers started planting corn last week reaching 1 percent complete compared with 2 percent last year and 2 percent for the 5-year average. Dry Onions were 34 percent planted at week's end, still significantly behind the 5-year average of 49 percent. Growers made progress planting sugarbeets last week with 8 percent in the ground by the end of the week. Little progress was

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending April 11, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	4	24	59	13
Last Year	3	11	31	45	10

made planting summer potatoes last week as only 2 percent are now planted compared with a 5-year average of 11 percent.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly good to fair across the State. Last year at this time they were rated mostly poor to fair.

Livestock: Seventy-four percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 67 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 11, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	11	35	49	4
Prev. Year - 2009	26	29	31	13	1
5-Year Avg.	9	21	41	27	2

Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	74	72
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	67	68

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 11, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	5	5	8	4
Jointed	12	7	15	16
Spring Barley				
Seeded	18	14	25	31
Emerged	7	4	5	10
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	13	10	21	22
Emerged	7	5	5	7
Corn				
Planted	1	N/A	2	2
Dry Onions				
Planted	34	21	44	49
Sugarbeets				
Planted	8	2	14	21
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	2	1	6	11

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	2	24	66	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.